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Newly submitted claims 1-2, 4 and 17 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Original claims 1-2 and 4 are directed to a light emitting element; and a substrate mounting the light emitting element thereon and having an optical path transforming structure, wherein an integral semiconductor body comprises each of the light emitting element and the substrate, whereby comprises a surface of the light emitting element and the a surface of the substrate are attached to each other. While the new claims 1-2, 4 and 17 are direct to a light emitting element and a substrate mounting the light emitting element thereon and having an optical path transforming structure, both formed on the same semiconductor; and wherein the semiconductor substrate comprises a GaAs layer and a semiconductor layer, and the light emitting element is formed on the GaAs layer and the optical path transforming structure is formed on the semiconductor layer. If these groups of inventions were originally were presented together for examination they indeed would have been restricted as being directed to an invention that would require a different search than that of the other invention.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims <u>1</u>-2, 4 and <u>17</u> withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt

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